

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—There is good reason to believe that Gen. Cass intends to resign as Secretary of State.

LATER.—It is said that the principal cause of Secretary Cass' resignation was the refusal of the President to strengthen the fortifications in Charleston Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Hon. Daniel Dickinson has been tendered the post of Secretary of State, in the place of Gen. Cass, resigned.

Gen. Scott has expressed the opinion, that additional forces should be sent to South Carolina for the protection of the public property.

The publication of the manifesto from thirty members of Congress, from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, and North and South Carolina, has produced a depressing effect on the conservative sentiment here.

It is reported that Judge Douglas intends to make a coercion speech next week.

Several conciliatory measures were proposed to-day in the committee of thirty-three. Speeches were made and opinions were interchanged, but no decisive action was reached.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—It was understood here yesterday that Daniel S. Dickinson, of New York, was to succeed Gen. Cass in the Control of the State Department.

To-day, however, the Cabinet programme has been changed, and Attorney General Black will be Secretary of State instead of Dickinson.

Leading men of Missouri here are privately discussing the expediency of separate independence, so that that State may not be involved in the extreme secession movement.

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Among the resolutions which will be submitted to the House at an early day, is one of instruction to the Judiciary Committee, looking to an amendment of the Neutrality Laws, so that, in addition to preventing filibustering expeditions into foreign countries, they may also restrain the volunteers of one State from going into another State for the purpose of aiding in the resistance to the Federal laws.

A number of Senators and members of Congress—Mr. Douglas included—have prepared speeches strongly in favor of coercion.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The President has issued a Proclamation, appointing the fourth of January as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, in order to avert the alarming and immediate political danger and fearful distress and panic now threatening the country.

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TO OUR CONSTITUENTS: The argument is exhausted; all hope of relief in the Union, through the agency of Committees, Congressional legislation, or Constitutional amendments, is extinguished, and we trust the South will not be deceived by appearances, or pretence, or guarantees.

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A Word to our Friends.

The Intelligencer has been issued for several months, and our friends have had the opportunity of judging as to its merits. If our humble efforts to give the public an interesting journal have met with approval, we ask that those disposed to sustain it will continue their interest and manifest their sanction of our course by bringing its claims to a support before their neighbors and friends.

We respectfully ask our friends who have extended so hearty a support already, and who have assisted us in making the Intelligencer a permanent institution, to redouble their efforts, and send us at least another copy to enter upon our books with the new year. The subscription price is but a trifle, and no one is so poverty-stricken, even in these hard times, that they cannot afford it.

We are requested to state that the Rev. ALBERT A. MORSE will preach on next Sabbath morning, if Providence permit, on the Reformation in Scotland.

Lieutenant Governor. Gen. W. W. HARLEE, of Marion, was elected on Friday last to the post of Lieutenant Governor of this State.

I. O. O. F. The members of Jocassee Lodge, were requested to state, will bear in mind that the election of officers will take place on Friday evening, 21st inst. A full attendance is desired.

Arsenal Appointments. The following named young gentlemen of this District have received appointments to the State Arsenal for the coming year, viz: E. B. FEATHERSTON, T. C. FEATHERSTON, GEO. R. DEAN and W. S. SWARDS.

Intermission. No paper will be issued from this office next week. The Devil claims Christmas for holiday amusements, and as the State is going out of the Union, he is preparing for a "glorious spree" to commemorate the event. We have, therefore, yielded to his wishes in the matter of suspending work for one week.

The Gaillard School at Greenville, S. C. We have before us a catalogue of the above institution, which has been in operation during the past year and been successful to a flattering degree.

The Legislature. This body was engaged last week for the most part in discussing two measures, namely, the bill to provide an armed military force and the propriety of adjourning over to Charleston.

Encouraging Signs from the Empire State. We mean, of course, the Empire State of the South, our twin-sister over the Savannah. On an exchange, the other day, came the following super-scription from a Georgia P. Master: "For South Carolina, the good secession State. Keep the ball moving—Georgia will soon be with you."

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At a regular meeting of this Division, held on Tuesday evening last, the following brethren were chosen to serve as officers for the ensuing term: A. B. TOWNS, W. P. W. W. HUMPHREYS, W. A. H. MANLY DARLINGTON, R. S. J. H. GLEASON, A. R. S. JOHN MILLER, F. S. S. M. FANT, TREAS. R. M. CLIXSKALES, Conductor. B. S. SMITH, A. C. R. A. ANDERSON, I. S. W. C. HERNDON, O. S.

The State Convention. The sovereign Convention of the people of this State assembled on Monday, at noon, in the Baptist Church of Columbia.

The election for permanent President of the Convention was then gone into, and on the fourth ballot resulted in the choice of Gen. D. F. Jamison, of Barnwell.

Mr. Inglis, of Cheraw, offered a resolution, providing that when this body adjourns, it will be to meet in Charleston on the 18th, and that the delegation from that city be requested to secure a hall.

A considerable debate sprung up on this resolution, which was participated in by Messrs. Miles, Keitt, Inglis and others. The resolution was adopted, and the Convention took a recess until 7 o'clock, p. m.

Upon re-assembling, the President introduced Col. Elmore, Commissioner from Alabama, who addressed the Convention at some length.

Hon. C. E. Hooker, Commissioner from Mississippi, addressed the Convention immediately after Col. Elmore. He expressed his gratification at the courtesy and hospitality he had received since his arrival here, and said it was an indication of the strong ties and unanimity of sentiment that existed between the people of Mississippi and South Carolina.

The President drew attention to the following resolutions, which had been offered previous to the recess, and on which the yeas and nays had been called.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the State of South Carolina should forth with secede from the Federal Union known as the United States of America.

Resolved, That a committee of seven members be appointed to draft an ordinance proper to be adopted by this Convention, and in order to accomplish the object, all individual members, desiring to submit a draft or scheme for such ordinance be requested to hand in the same, without delay, to said committee.

Resolved, That the act of the General Assembly of this State providing for the assembling of this Convention be referred to the same committee, with instructions to consider and report thereon.

The resolutions were adopted without a dissenting voice.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in Charleston on Tuesday at 4 o'clock, p. m.

For the Intelligencer. Mounted Rangers.

Pursuant to a call, a meeting was held at Anderson on the 15th day of December, for the purpose of forming a company of "Mounted Rangers."

Prof. Thomas Hall was called to the Chair, and Jo. Berry Sloan appointed Secretary.

The Joint Committee on Federal Relations of the North Carolina Legislature has made a report, recommending the call of a State Convention, to be assembled on the 18th of February next, for the purpose of considering the course best to be pursued by that State in the present crisis.

In a long letter on the present national trouble, addressed to a gentleman of Mississippi, Hon. John Bell opposes secession, favors a conference of the Southern States, and expresses the belief that the people of the North are this day prepared to agree to any fair and reasonable plan of adjustment which such a conference would propose.

The most fortunate man that we know of now-a-days is Sharpe, the maker of rifles. We have an idea that he looks upon the present difficulties with the pious resignation that an undertaker does upon a prevailing epidemic.

A physician named A. H. Burrett and his wife, were on Monday last warned to leave New Orleans, because of uttering abolition sentiments.

Governor Harris has issued a proclamation calling an extra session of the Legislature of Tennessee, to meet on the 7th January, the same day on which the Virginia Legislature is called together.

Capt. West, who went to Truxillo after General Walker's remains, has returned without them, in consequence of an Hondurian law prohibiting exhumation.

The fine St. Louis and New Orleans Steam Packet Flying Cloud was burned to the water's edge on the night of the 9th. No lives lost.

It is estimated that on the 1st of Jan., 1861, there will be 400 miles of railroad in Texas, and still the work has but just fairly commenced.

The State of Georgia, by the new census, has a population of 1,075,977—an increase of 61,559 since 1850.

Montgomery county, Ala., has a population of 36,060, of whom 23,762 are slaves.

Hon. Bedford Brown has introduced in the North Carolina Legislature a bill appointing four commissioners to proceed to Columbia, and appeal to South Carolina to suspend any action by which secession may be accomplished, and to wait a common consultation through a convention of all the Southern States.

The Alexandria Gazette says that the mills for the manufacture of cloth in Virginia have orders to fill that will keep them busy until May next. The demand is from all parts of the South, and from New Orleans there are large orders for "Virginia homespun."

Governor Magoffin, of Kentucky, has ordered a motion in the supreme court of that State for a writ of mandamus against Governor Demmon, of Ohio, growing out of the latter's refusal to surrender a fugitive upon the requisition from the Executive of Kentucky.

Major Henry C. Wayne, of the U. S. Army, was elected unanimously to the office of Adjutant-General of the State of Georgia, by the Senate on Thursday.

GOLD. GOLD IS MONEY—Dental material is Gold; and therefore I must have the CASH for Dental service, or keep my Gold.

TO CONTRACTORS. PERSONS interested will take notice that the streets and side-walks of the Town of Anderson will be let out for the ensuing year on Friday, the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Attention, Palmetto Rifemen! YOU are hereby ordered to be and appear at the usual place of rendezvous on next Saturday, (the 22d inst.) at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Sheriff's Sales. By virtue of various writs of Fieri Facias to me directed, I will expose to sale on Saturday in January next, within the usual hours of sale, before the Court House door at Anderson, the following property, to wit:

One Tract or Lot of Land, containing two acres, bounded by lands of Wilson Hall, levied on as the property of William Wagstaff, at the suit of J. B. Moore and A. J. Major.

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